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SUBJECT: FATHI EL-JAHMI'S MEDICAL CONDITION DETERIORATES; ADDITIONAL HOSPITAL TIME MAY BE NEEDED REF: A) TRIPOLI 275, B) HOPKINS-GODFREY EMAIL
CLASSIFIED BY: Chris Stevens, CDA, Embassy Tripoli, Dept of State. REASON: 1.4 (b), (d)

1.(C) Summary: The medical condition of detained human rights activist Fathi el-Jahmi appears to have taken a turn for the worse, necessitating
DETERIORATION IN MEDICAL CONDITION

2.(C) P/E Chief visited Fathi el-Jahmi at the Tripoli Medical Center on April 3. El-Jahmi's wife, treating physician (Dr. Abdulrahman Mehdy) an
EL-JAHMI NOT/NOT MEDICALLY FIT FOR DISCHARGE

3.(C) Mehdy said he believed a beta-blocker medication el-Jahmi began taking immediately after the visit of Human Rights Watch and Physicians f
EL-JAHMI REJECTS TACIT AGREEMENT TO REMAIN SILENT AS CONDITION OF RELEASE

4.(C) Per ref B, P/E Chief asked el-Jahmi whether he understood that the GOL and QDF were insisting that he accede to a tacit agreement to refr
WALKS BACK ASYLUM REQUEST, WANTS TO REMAIN IN LIBYA

5.(C) Per ref B, P/E Chief asked el-Jahmi whether he understood TRIPOLI 00000280 002 OF 002 what it meant to request asylum. If granted, he wou
NEXT STEPS

6.(C) It was agreed with el-Jahmi and his wife that the next steps should be: - ensuring that his medical condition stabilizes enough that he c
MEDIA AMBUSH

7.(C) Shortly after P/E Chief's arrival, a camera crew burst into el-Jahmi's hospital room, shoved aside the doctor and began asking el-Jahmi q

8.(C) Comment: The reported deterioration in el-Jahmi's medical condition, while troubling, potentially affords a useful window of opportunity

16. The biggest potential obstacle may be el-Jahmi's refusal to agree to honor a tacit agreement to remain quiet in exchange for his discharge.
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